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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DATE: 5/25/2021**

**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis  
Office: City Marshal, City Court, City of Breaux Bridge  
Parish: ST. MARTIN  
Election Date: 11/3/2020  
Level of Office: District

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-P  
Original Due Date: 10/5/2020  
Date Filed: 11/4/2020  
Activity Receipts: \$9,250.00  
Expenditures: \$20,032.15  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$1,217.85

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1,800  
Days Late: 30  
Late Fee Order Received: 12/4/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/24/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 12/7/2020  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request submitted by Pamela Cormier the report preparer. She said that she created the 30-P report and submitted it prior to the due date. Unfortunately it had a typographical error for a date within the report. She said as a first time user of the program she was unaware that she was supposed to receive a confirmation number and did not realize that the report did not go through successfully and she thought it was submitted. She said she spoke to Jennifer with the Ethics Board on November 4, 2020 and she realized that there was an error and the report was not submitted successfully, she was then assisted with correcting the error and submitting the report. She requests the late fee be SUSPENDED, she apologizes and states that it taught her a lesson.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

December 5, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics  
Post Office Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Statement of Waiver for:

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election  
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 30 days late.

As the report submitter on behalf of the candidate, Mr. Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis. I created the report, (30-P) - 30<sup>th</sup> Day Prior to Primary, before the due date and I submitted it before the due date. Unfortunately, it had an error for a date, (a typographical error), that was mistakenly submitted, and I was unable to fix the date. As a first-time user of this program I was unaware that I was supposed to receive a confirmation number. I did not realize that the report did not go through successfully. I thought that the report was submitted.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, I received a call from Ms. Jennifer from the Ethics Board, and she told me that there was an error and the report had not been submitted successfully. We discussed the report she then assisted me in correcting the error and resubmitting the report successfully.

I am so deeply sorry about this incident. We learn from our mistakes and this one surely taught me a lesson. Not being familiar with the program, I now know that I must receive a confirmation number to confirm that the report has been submitted successfully and call someone who knows about the program for assistance when not sure.

I am asking on behalf of my candidate and myself to PLEASE suspend the late assessment fee. Again, we all learn from our mistakes and I have.

Thank You, Sincerely,



Pamela L. Cormier

Attn, Ms. Melissa Horn

1-(225) 381- 7271

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From Submitter

Pamela L. Cormier

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 1, 2020

Mr. Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis  
1066 Martha Hebert Rd.  
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election  
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 30 days late

Dear Mr. Dupuis:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$1,800 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

**You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:**

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225)381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

***You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.***

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

**STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**acting in its capacity as the**  
**SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**

**In Re:        Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis**  
**November 3, 2020 Election**

**LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis, in his capacity as a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Breaux Bridge in the November 3, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

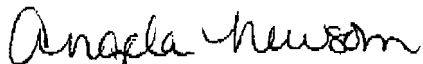
**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(3), Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis was required to file a 30th Day Prior to Primary Report (30-P) by October 5, 2020. Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis filed the report on November 4, 2020 and was 30 days late.

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(ii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$60 per day (not to exceed \$2,000) be assessed against Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis for this late filing.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that a late fee of \$1,800 is assessed against Voorhies "Jimmy" Dupuis for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

**ORDER** signed on the 1st day of December 2020 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

  
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Angela Newsom, Director  
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



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